

modern history, chronology, and geography, the law of nations. You must absolutely speak all the modern languages as purely and correctly as the natives, French, German, Italian, Spanish.<sup>1</sup> He also considered excellent tutors and wholesome moral atmosphere in early years quite necessary, and provided for both.

The English renaissance theory concerning the proper kind of education for the courtier was deduced mainly from the ancient philosophers and orators who looked to the wider relationships of life from the scholars of northern Europe who viewed life and man's responsibilities seriously, from the reasonableness and completeness of the classical ideals, and from the light grace of the Italian.<sup>2</sup> One of the first educational theorists and the first one to publish a book in the English language on the subject of education was Thomas Elyot. His book, The Boke Named the Goverour, has three divisions; namely Book I the education of a goverour; Book II the meditations of a prospective goverour; and Book III the character of a goverour. Book I discusses at length the extreme care in the choice of a nurse who must be noble in character and able to speak pure and elegant Latin so that the small child may have the direct method of learning that language. When the child is seven years of age, he is to be provided with an excellent tutor. Music, drawing, geometry, astronomy, cosmography are to be taught, also Greek authors and the use of grammars. The child is not to be detained too long in

1. Chesterfield's Letters to His Son, p 161, Letter CLII.  
2. Doctrine of English Gentleman, p 119.